

Before the Board of Zoning Adjustment, D.C.

PUBLIC HEARING -- February 15, 1967

Appeal No. 9094 Theodore Popowsky et ux, appellants.

The Zoning Administrator of the District of Columbia, appellee.

On motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the following Order was entered at the meeting of the Board on February 15, 1967.

ORDERED:

That the appeal to provide off-street parking for six trucks at the rear of 712-714 Longfellow Street, NW., lots 57 and 58, square 3153, be denied.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

- (1) The subject property is located in an R-4 District.
- (2) Appellants own a business located at 713 Kennedy Street, NW. known as the Petworth Electric Company which is located in a C-2 District.
- (3) It is proposed to park six trucks in the rear of property fronting on Longfellow Street. One of the trucks would be a 1 1/2 ton ladder truck.
- (4) The subject property abuts a sixteen foot public alley.
- (5) The appellants begin work about 7:15 to 7:30 a.m. and return in the evening around 5:00 p.m.
- (6) The Department of Highways and Traffic offers no objection to the granting of this appeal.
- (7) Opposition was registered at the public hearing from residents of the dwellings on Longfellow Street. A petition signed by thirteen residents of the apartment building located at 734 Longfellow Street opposes the appeal.

OPINION:

We are of the opinion that appellant has shown no justification for this intrusion into the residentially zoned neighborhood, that the proposed use is not one that is compatible with a residential district, and that a parking lot for trucks should be maintained in a commercial or light industrial district. Therefore, we conclude that the requested relief cannot be granted without being inconsistent with the zone plan as embodied in the Zoning Regulations and Map, and that the requested use is likely to be detrimental to the public good and have an adverse affect upon the nearby residential property.